Memoir of Reverend William P. Alex-

Our Hawaiian literature has been enand style a fitting testimonial to the with the subject. quiet worth and lovable geniality of one of the most active and useful members of the whole missionary band. The portrait of the venerable patriarch does not reproduce the brightness of the eye, that was so quickly suffused with sympathetic emotion, as the soul responded instantaneously to the changing moods of thought. How quickly the lips would bring out some playful sentiment, no stranger could imagine as he looks at the strong, deep lines of the features here portrayed. But in the book the earnest, gentle, helpful, winsome soul speaks for itself in the autobiographical sketch, and the letters and addresses. which make up a volume of tender and aspiriting reminiscences. It is a book make better any one who reads it, more kindly disposed to his fellows,

with deeper admiration for the divine model on which this loving, earnest, useful life was shaped. "He was humble, kind, forgiving meek, Easy to be entreated, gracious, mild, And with all patience and affection taught, Rebuked, persuaded, solaced, consoled,

In fervent style and manner. All Saw in his face contentment, in his life The path to flory and perpetual joy."

When after thirteen years of labor in the Hawaiian Islands the number of converts was less than 1,000, and half of the small population had not even heard the Gospel, the American Board inquired of the missionaries here, how may the Gospel be brought to bear more successfully on the Hawaiian people? The reply was that at least 41 more preachers and teachers should be sent at once. Without delay the Board sent out a reinforcement of thirty-two persons, the largest missionary force that had ever been sent out from the United States. Nineteen sailed from New Bedford in the whaleship Averick, November 26. 1831. They were Rev. Messrs. Alexander, Armstrong, Lyman, Emerson, Forbes, Hitchcock, Lyons, Spaulding and their wives, Dr. Chapin and his wife, and Mr. Rogers, a printer. Mr. Alexander went first to the Marquesas with the idea of beginning missionary work there. But as the London Missionary Society had made arrangements to occupy the islands, Mr. Alexander returned to Honolulu, and was stationed at Waioli, Kauai. There it was his privilege to engage in the incessant labors of those years of wonderful religious in terest, 1836-8. Here he shared in the labors that transformed a heathen savage people into a Christian community with homes and schools and chapels and orderly industries. But the failure of health through a perilous misadventure, in which he and his horse hardly escaped from being engulfed in some quicksand in a swollen stream, necessitated his leaving that station in 1843. He was put in charge of Lahainaluna Seminary, and there made his influence felt through the young men trained by him, and the text books prepared for general use. In 1856 the sedentary nature of this work had so impaired his health that he removed to Wailuku to take charge of the native church there, and

there he continued to reside during the remaining twenty-seven years of his life. It is with this Wailuku home that the memories of the present generation will associate Father Alexander, and his hospitable, motherly wife, whose portrait is also given in the latter part of the book, a speaking likeness of one of the best of mothers, and kindest of friends. Pictures of both the Waioli and the Wailuku homes are given, and so we have in this little book what the printer's art can do in a fitting way to preserve the remembrance of these beloved and honored Christian workers, and the pleasant surroundings which they created, a Christian home with the sunlight and gladness of heaven about it and in it, as well as the sweetness and brightness of earth. They will live for ever in undying influences for good in the cherished memories of many hearts. H.

[The book noticed above, was prepared by Rev. J. M. Alexander, and printed, not published, at the Pacific Press Office, Oakland. A few copies came to Honolulu by the last steamer for distribution to friends. Mr. S. T. Alexander and Prof. W. D. Alexander have assisted in preparing the book.]

A Postal Union With Hawaii.

Editor Bulletin: A closer postal union with the Hawaiian Islands has been proposed, like that which has brought Mexico and Canada into such intimate relations with the United States. Our two-cent stamp will take a letter to Quebec or Vera Cruz—why not to our nearer neighbors in Honolulu? Our social relations with the islands are intimate, and call for many letters of friend-ship from here and from the East to kindred domiciled in Hawaii. If the adoption of the two-cent rate should treble the correspondence (and it probably would within two years) the Government would lose nothing by the

A reduced rate of postage on our newspapers and periodicals would soon increase their circulation among the foreign residents and also among the educated of the native population.

The business profit may be small from any possible patronage in so small a Kingdom, but the good our literature may do to the islanders is unquestionable. American influence will be greatly and rightfully increased to the benefit and satisfaction of all concerned. It is a good time to establish cheap postage to Hawaii.

-[San Francisco Bulletin.

Land Sales.

Mr. Hassinger sold at auction for the Government, on Wednesday, 65-100 of an acre of land in Kipahulu, Maui. The upset price on it was \$50, and William Kanalulu Keohoopio, of Hana, Maui, bought it for \$75.

Mr. Morgan, anctioneer, sold several lots of land, namely: 60-100 of an acre at Kapalama, to Hon. W. R. Castle, for are hundreds of homes into which has entered despair the most utterly hope. to Mr. C. Booth at \$50 and \$150 respectively, and 52-100 of an acre at Kalaepo-

NEED OF MEDICAL CONVENTIONS.

(W. O. Smith, in Maile Wreath, October

With all that has been done for the riched by this brief memorial of one of health of the people in these Islands, and the honored fathers of the Hawaiian the large sums devoted annually for the Mission. It is an unpretending little care of lepers, there has been in certain volume of 196 pages, and in appearance | directions failure and neglect in dealing

For a quarter of a century the native race has been attacked by a most malignant and terrible malady. With great expenditure of public funds, and the employment of many physicians and agents the government has attempted to care for the afflicted ones and prevent the spread of the disease. Talented physicians, and others deeply interested in the welfare of the people, have given earnest attention to the subject, and very much has been accomplished; and while desiring not to detract at all from the importance and value of what has been done, the object of this paper is to call attention to the desultory nature of the most of these efforts, and the lack of concert of action.

For twenty-five years the disease has been spreading; with relentless fatality it has seized upon its victims. Rank, place, wealth, sex and age have not been regarded; but the rich and the poor, the tender and the strong, those high in influence and the obscure have alike fallen before the devouring pesti-

lence. we are filled with horror when we hear of yellow fever, or cholera, or smallpox attacking communities and destroyng hundreds of people; and the story of Russian exiles torn from their homes and consigned to living graves in Siberia, excites our pity and indignation; homes iesolated, and noble lives sacrificed by the ravages of intemperance, arouse our compassion. Such things band people and communities together, combinations are made, conferences are held; the nighest ability and the most powerful means are employed to protect the people. And it is right, anything less would be almost criminal.

It is not with a spirit of crimination, nor with sweeping reckless disregard of all that has been accomplished and attempted, but with a due regard for it all, that the charge is here made that we as a community have not done our whole duty in this matter.

without descanting upon the other lerelictions, it would seem that the failing to cause frequent or stated conferrences among the trained physicians, who are employed by the people to grapple with this national and dire calamity, has been a negligence for which we are

Leprosy wherever found has been a disease which has heretofore baffled the skill of men learned in the art of healing, and defied all the remedies and restoratives known to science. In ancient times it was deemed incurable, and those afflicted with it became hopeless outcasts, and were treated with the utmost aversion. So universal and deep rooted has been this belief that to the present time a person finally pronounced a leper is considered doomed-absolutely, reme-

dilessly doomed. But is it not profanity, and an insult to a beneficent Creator and loving Father, to assert that He would send an affliction so horrible without providing a remedy? such a belief is unreasonable; it is inconsistent with our conceptions of God, and with our experience. It would be hard to conceive a human parent so depraved, so devilish, as to be willing to permit such a condition to exist. Because adequate remedies have not been heretofore discovered; because the disease has been surrounded with mysteries and because the limits of human knowledge have not been attained, we accept the conclusions of the past and look upon the result as inevitable.

I know that science is not satisfied, and that there are devoted men who are giving their lives to the solution of the great problem. All honor to them and their high devotion. But how little, apparently, has been contributed by the physicians of these Islands to this great end. I say apparently, for I believe that much more has been accomplished than is known to the world. The greater number of the physicians engaged upon these Islands during the past twentyfive years, and at present, have been and are talented men; men whose training and ability qualify them to investigate the subject with understanding; the opportunities for observation and experiment have been unexceptional, and there must necessarily have been very great variety in their experiences with the disease in its various stages and under different conditions. But in all these years there has been no organization or association among them; no general conferences at which opinions, observations and the results of experiments have been submitted. For the most part each one has worked by himself, and kept to himself what he has learned. Perhaps many of them would say they had nothing new to state or contribute; that they did not assume to know more than their fellows.

But it is a fact that there have been and are physicians whose preconceived ideas upon the subject of the incurability of leprosy have been very much shaken; and who are inclining to the belief that under some conditions it may be permanently cured. Facts and results have produced skepticism in regard to the hoary dogma of incurability, In the face of historic, scientific and almost universal opinion upon the subject such men are slow to proclaim their experiences until fully assured of the permanence of results.

Might not the meeting together of these men, from time to time, and discussion and interchange of views, lead to a wider knowledge, and speedier solution of this

problem. Let a new scale bug, or some other similar pest, appear in a locality in Southern California, and the scientific men, the farmers and the bug-men congregate, interchange views and attack the evil; and attack it with an earnestness and determination which insure ultimate success.

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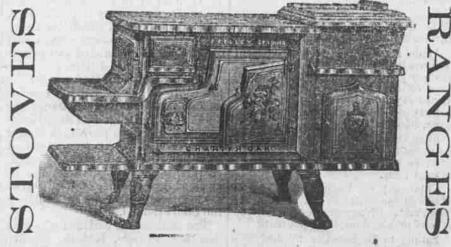
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